

## George Wishart.

policy, and had sworn to arrest or assassinate the cardinal. It appears, however, that there was another George Wishart, a citizen of Dundee, who would fit into the character of political conspirator far better than the martyr, and I think that the assumption that would identify the devoted evangelical preacher with the person in question is unlikely. His character, as drawn by his affectionate Cambridge pupil, Emery Tylney, is certainly not that of a man who would be likely to participate in, or even approve of, a plot to murder the chief of a great political party, though it must not be forgotten that he had cause to believe that Beaton had hired assassins to destroy himself, and seems to have had relations with the Anglophile party in Scotland opposed to the cardinal. " About the year 1543 there was in the University of Cambridge one Mr George Wishart, commonly called Mr George of Benet's College, a man of tall stature; judged by his physiognomy to be of a melancholy disposition, black haired, long bearded, comely of person, well spoken after his country of Scotland, courteous, lovely, lowly, glad to teach, desirous to learn, and well travelled. . . . He was a man, modest, temperate, fearing God, hating covetousness, for his charity had never end, night, morn, nor day; . . . He loved me tenderly, and I him, for my age, as effectually. He taught with great modesty and gravity, so that some of his people thought him severe, and would have slain him; but the Lord was his defence. And he, after due correction for their malice, by good exhortation amended them, and went his way. Oh that the Lord had left him to me, his poor boy, that he might have finished what he had begun ! For in his religion he was as you see here in the rest of his life, when he went into Scotland with some of the nobility that came for a treaty to King Henry VIII. His learning was no less sufficient than his desire, always pressed and ready to do good in that he was able, both in the house privately and in the school publicly, professing and reading divers authors. If I should declare his love to me and all men, his charity to the poor, in giving, relieving, caring, helping, providing, yea,' infinitely studying how to do good unto all, *and hurt to none*> I should sooner want words than just cause to commend him. All this I testify with my whole heart and truth of this godly man."